Risk Analysis Report by APEDA

4689. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) has submitted a risk analysis report to the Department of Agriculture (DOA), but no action has yet been taken thereon;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to implement the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) study has been submitted by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) to the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC). However, APEDA has submitted a list of pests on apples occurring in China.

On the basis of available information, including the status and distribution of endemic pests and the list provided by APEDA, PRA study on apples has been completed by the Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine & Storage, DAC. As a result of PRA study, the potential pest of Plant Quarantine significance have been identified for imposing import restrictions by specifying additional declarations and special conditions on Phytosanitary Certificate (PSC) to be issued by the country of origin.

All the imported plants, plant material including fruits are subjected to thorough Plant quarantine screening, inspection, laboratory tests and treatment before their release at the port of entry so as to ensure that no exotic pest/insect enter the country and cause any harm to Indian fruits including apples.